(b) whether it is a fact that Government are taking steps to check this; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Date under the specific head 'Stripping of Women' is not compiled by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and as such the registration investigation detection and prevention of crime including the crime of stripping women is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Government has from time to time been writing to concerned State Governments regarding the preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to be taken in connection with atrocities on women. Besides, the media is being used to project women in positive terms. Awareness-generation camps are being organised. Women's development programmes in various States, including the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWACRA) Programme and in female literacy programmes are some of the other steps being taken to improve the status of women.

Transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab

2383. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chandigarh is being transferred to Punjab in near future;

(b) whether the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister held a number of discussions with the Chief Ministers of both Punjab and Haryana on the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab.

(c) if so, the outcome of the discussion;

(d) whether Government have received any requests from Government of Haryana for rendering financial and technical help to this State for setting up of its down Capital;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Union Government agrees with the assessment that the present backwardness of the people of Haryana in the matter of culture, art, higher education, science and technology is due to the non existence of its separate state Capital; and

(g) what steps/necessary alternative Union Government has contemplated to speed up the pace of development of the people of Haryana in the above spheres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No decision has so far been taken regarding the transfer of Chandigarh.

(b) and (c) Discussions with all the concerned parties are being held to arrive at an amicable solution.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) Chandigarh is serving as capital of both Punjab and Haryana for the present, and, it is not true that the state of Haryana is without a Capital.

भारत में शरणार्थी

2384. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में इस समय रह रहे विदेशी शरणार्थियों की देश-वार अनुमानित संख्या कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) चालू वर्ष में अभी तक भारत में आये विदेशी शरणार्थियों की देश-वार अनुमानित संख्या कितनी-कितनी है;

(ग) उनके भारत आने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या सरकार उन्हें वापस उनके देश भेजने का विचार रखती है; और